

AN ORDINANCE 2008-06-19-0593

**AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO TAXICAB RATES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio taxicab rates are set forth in Chapter 33 of the City Code of San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no adjustments to the taxicab rates set forth in Chapter 33 since 2004 with the minimum rate for a downtown fare last changed in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2008, the San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), a board established in 1984 to make recommendations to City Council on the licensing and regulation of transportation services, proposed a recommendation to City Council to approve an increase to taxicab rates; adjust the frequency of the fuel adjustment from three months to 45 days; allow taxi drivers to charge customers the airport departure fee as represented on the "extra button" on the taxi meter; and to review taxi rates by March 1 of every even year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Utilities Division of the Finance Department reviewed TAB's proposed increases in taxicab fares and other adjustments considering changes in applicable consumer price indexes over the appropriate time periods and applying certain methodologies and found the overall standard trip cost was essentially the same as that proposed by TAB; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the similarity in TAB's recommendation and the Public Utilities Division's analysis, City staff proposed to the Public Safety Committee to support the TAB recommendation with the following exceptions: (1) adjust the airport minimum fare charge from \$8.00 to \$10.50; (2) shift 10 cents per mile from the fuel adjustment factor into the base mileage rate and reset the fuel adjustment chart accordingly; and (3) conduct a comprehensive market analysis and rate study prior to 2010 rate review; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Public Safety Committee approved City staff's recommendation on June 12, 2008 with one adjustment to allow for the mileage rate to increase from the TAB recommendation of \$2.10 to \$2.15; **NOW THEREFORE**:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Subsection 33-981(a) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

Taxicab fare rates shall be:

Drop charge . . . \$2.00

Per mile . . . \$2.15

Per hour wait time . . . \$24.00

Per hour traffic delay . . . \$24.00

**SECTION 2.** Subsection 33-981(c) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

The minimum rate charge on any trip originating at the San Antonio International Airport shall be \$10.50.

**SECTION 3.** Subsection 33-981(d) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

The minimum rate charge on any trip originating in the "downtown rate zone" shall be \$5.00. "Downtown rate zone" is the geographical area bounded by Interstate 37, traveling south from IH 35 to E. Houston St.; E. Houston St., traveling east to N. Cherry St.; N. Cherry Street, traveling south to Durango Blvd.; Durango Blvd., traveling west to Alamo St.; Alamo St., traveling south to Frio St.; Frio St., traveling north to W. Houston; W. Houston, traveling east to IH 35; IH 35, traveling north to IH 37.

**SECTION 4.** Subsection 33-981(j) of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

A per-mile fuel surcharge shall be added to the fares established by this section where the average price of regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.20 or greater. The per-mile surcharge shall be as follows:

Average Gas Price	Per-Mile Surcharge
Under \$ 2.20	\$0.00
\$ 2.20 - \$ 2.49	\$0.05
\$ 2.50 - \$ 2.79	\$0.10

\$ 2.80 - \$ 2.99	\$0.15
\$ 3.00 - \$ 3.19	\$0.20
\$ 3.20 - \$ 3.49	\$0.25
\$ 3.50 - \$ 3.79	\$0.30
\$ 3.80 - \$ 3.99	\$0.35
\$ 4.00 - \$ 4.19	\$0.40
\$ 4.20 - \$ 4.49	\$0.45
\$ 4.50 - \$ 4.79	\$0.50
\$ 4.80 - \$ 4.99	\$0.55
\$ 5.00 - \$ 5.19	\$0.60
\$ 5.20 - \$ 5.49	\$0.65
\$ 5.50 - \$ 5.79	\$0.70
\$ 5.80 - \$5.99	\$0.75
\$ 6.00 - \$6.19	\$0.80
\$ 6.20 - \$ 6.49	\$0.85
\$ 6.50 - \$ 6.79	\$0.90
\$ 6.80 - \$ 6.99	\$0.95
\$ 7.00 and above	\$1.00

Fuel surcharges shall become effective on January 1, February 15, April 1, May 15, July 1, August 15, October 1, and November 15 of each year and shall remain in effect until the following effective date. The average price of regular unleaded gasoline shall be based on the retail prices listed for regular unleaded gasoline by the oil price information service for the San Antonio area. The average price shall be calculated for the most recent six-week period ending no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the surcharge effective date.

**SECTION 5.** The following provision shall be added to the City Code of San Antonio, Texas as Subsection 33-981(k):

Taxicab operators may charge an Airport Departure Fee to the customer at a rate that is equal to the amount charged to the operator pursuant to Section 3-46 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas.

**SECTION 6.** The following provision shall be added to the City Code of San Antonio, Texas as Subsection 33-981(l):

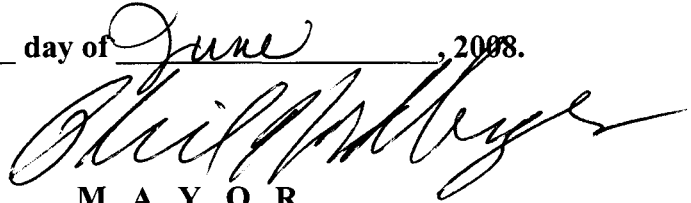
Between January 1 and March 1 of every even-numbered year, the Transportation Advisory Board shall review taxicab fare rates and make a recommendation to City Council, no later than March 1, whether or not to adjust the rates in effect at the time of the recommendation.

**SECTION 7.** All other provisions of Chapter 33 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8.** The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

**SECTION 9.** This ordinance shall take effect ten days from the date of passage.

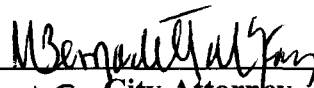
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

  
M A Y O R  
PHIL HARDBERGER

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
for City Attorney